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I, therefore, ask that this bill be killed and indefinitely postponed. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. The question. We only have one other speaker but the question has been called. Senator DeCamp, with your permission, I think I would let Senator Doyle speak if we could keep with about two minutes.

SENATOR DOYLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. We heard this bill in committee. As a former state engineer knowing what some of the problems are in transportation, it seems to me that we ought to get into this area very definitely. I do strongly support the advancement of LB 503. It is something that is long overdue. Other states have found it to be beneficial from the economic development and just purely agricultural standpoint and, therefore, I do urge its advancement. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you wish to close? You have about a minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just very briefly, Senator Nichol, I would just like to say to my colleague, Senator Jacobson, we already have a branch line council which has not performed. They have indicated now since the introduction of LB 503 that they have located, God bless them, a section of railroad in Nebraska that suddenly is in need of revitalization. I can point them out 500 miles and they don't have to drive very far. I would suggest that the advancement of this bill to Select File would probably even further hasten and enhance the activities of the council, and if in fact they do become alive and alert and become effective, I would be glad to take a second look at this bill on Select File, but I would have to suggest if the bill is not advanced that the council will revert to this previous lethargic stage and the state would suffer. So I would hope the bill would be advanced to Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of LB 503. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. If you would like to vote please do so, promptly please. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. May I please introduce two guests of Senator Fenger, Colonel and Mrs. Dick Byrne who are the parents of Lisa Byrne who is an LA for Senator Fenger. They are under the North balcony. Would you please welcome them? Thank you for visiting us today and please come back. LB 587.